

## Citizen Forester Program Inventory Data Sharing Policy

The Citizen Forester Program is a collaborative community project with the goal of developing an urban tree inventory using citizen science while increasing community support and awareness for our urban forests. With the help of dedicated volunteers, the Citizen Forester Program has been collecting urban tree inventory data on Oahu since 2016. As part of our program, volunteers collect location data, specific tree measurements, and tree condition assessments for trees in the city's right of way. Our inventory is stored on the Tree Plotter<sup>TM</sup> platform, which calculates the estimated eco-benefits for the recorded trees. Our online inventory is publicly available to be viewed at <a href="https://www.pg-cloud.com/Hawaii.">www.pg-cloud.com/Hawaii.</a>

The tree inventory data is freely available to the public for non-commercial uses upon request.

## **Data Requests**

To request a copy of the detailed tree inventory data please email the program's non-profit partner, Smart Trees Pacific, at <a href="mailto:info@smarttreespacific.org">info@smarttreespacific.org</a> with the subject title "CF inventory data request".

In the email body, please tell us how the data will be used, an estimated timeline of your project, your affiliated organization, the name of the preferred contact person.

The inventory data is available in Microsoft Comma Separated Value (CSV) format with the first row denoted the field names. The longitude and latitude are in Web Coordinated System. You will also be sent a brief description of how to interpret the data.

## **Reporting Requests**

Following the completion of your project, we ask that you send a copy of your completed report, study results, or otherwise direct us to the resulting products created from the use of the program's data. We hope to learn from your work as well as share with our partners and volunteers that their hard work has served a purpose. Sharing data usage information helps keep our volunteers motivated to continue to give their time to this citizen science initiative.

## **Acknowledging the Program**

Any outputs that use data from the Citizen Forester Program are asked to include the following statement:

"Data used to help generate this report has been collected by the Citizen Forester Program; a collaborative project of the State and Private Forestry branch of the USDA Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, Region 5; the Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program of the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife; and Smart Trees Pacific."



**Disclaimer:** The Citizen Forester Program is continuously collecting data; therefore, the current datasets are continuously changing and are not comprehensive. Please treat it as such when you interpret your results. Currently, not all urban communities on Oʻahu are represented. The dataset sent will specify the last date of data collection prior to download. The data is updated quarterly as long as the project is on-going. The Citizen Forester Program currently works to create a systematic inventory of public trees in urban areas, such as along commercial and residential streets and in parks.

Please direct any questions to Smart Trees Pacific Email - <a href="mailto:info@smarttreespacific.org">info@smarttreespacific.org</a> <a href="mailto:www.SmartTreesPacific.org">www.SmartTreesPacific.org</a>

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